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In re Application of

John F. ARACKAPARAMBIL et al.

Serial No. 09/363,966

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For: COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination for the above-referenced application. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 19 of this paper. Applicants had also submitted the unentered Amendment of May 16, 2003.